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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO ASEAN REGIONAL FORUM PEACEKEEPING EXPERTS MEETING IN MALAYSIA

¶1. The Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has formally invited the United States to participate in the First Asean Regional Forum (ARF) Peacekeeping Experts' Meeting in Port Dickson, Malaysia on March 7-9, 2007. The event is being co-hosted by the Governments of Malaysia and Australia and seeks to establish a regional network of peacekeeping experts. Malaysian and Australian military personnel are expected to chair the meeting. All 26 ARF member nations may nominate up to two participants for the meeting and the United States has been asked to make a 30 minute presentation on the Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI).

¶2. Post seeks Department input on the selection of U.S. participants. The registration deadline is February 20. The meeting agenda and program have not been finalized but will include visits to the Army Museum and the Malaysian Peacekeeping Training Center. Copies of the received documents have been faxed to the Department.

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